Kerns New Baltimore Urban League Executive

A Happy New Year to Afro Readers

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White Guard Kills Soldier

Army's Segregation Pattern Climaxed at Tuskegee Air School

Writer Fears Effect on Morale, Sees Need for Public Pressure to Alter Commander's Policies

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—Race segregation is being practiced at the Army Basic and Advanced Flying School here, despite its bad effect on the morale of colored students who are being trained for combat duty with the Army Air Forces.

The intolerant and patronizing attitude of some Southern white officers who are in command is said to be particularly irksome.

Incidentally, the Army Air Force is the only branch of the army which maintains and operates a separate officer-training facility for the training of colored officer candidates. In all other branches, colored officer candidates are trained in the same schools with white officer candidates. But colored flying cadets are trained only at Tuskegee and are excluded from all other army flying schools.

Commander Held Responsible

Responsibility for jim-crow signs put on toilets and other facilities is placed upon Colonel Frederick von H. Kimble, the commanding officer. These jim-crow signs are said to be an express violation of army regulations, but Colonel Kimble is reported to have told an officers' meeting that he intends to run this school not in accordance with any circular from Washington, but in keeping with the policy of the army.

The attitude of Colonel Kimble is explainable. It is in harmony with the attitude of the Army Air Force. It took Congressional pressure to compel the Army Air Force to establish this separate training school for the training of colored flying cadets.

Service Limited

Only pursuit pilots are trained at Tuskegee. This program in itself is discriminatory. Colored flying cadets must meet the stringent requirements as to height and weight for pursuit pilots. Pursuit piloting is the most difficult branch of flying.

Colored cadets are not accepted by the Army Air Force for the relatively easier bombardment pilot training course, the observation pilot training course, the navigator courses, the bombardier courses, and courses in other necessary branches of the air force for which men have been sought too zealously.

Sees Need of Pressure

The whole attitude of the Army Air Force on the question of colored pilots was expressed in a letter

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Can't Have Jim Crow and Democracy---Pearl Buck

War Widows Work on the Home Front

An unmistakable indication that the war has changed industry on the home front is revealed in this photo. Shown is Mrs. Ethel Leggett, mother of two children whose husband is in the army, firing a locomotive in the Orangeville Shop of the Pennsylvania Railroad, East Baltimore. Looking on is Mrs. Bernice Mickey, mother of one child, whose husband also is in the service. Both are water and fire tenders, occupations unknown to women before the war. See other photos and story on page 13.

J. H. Kerns New Head of Urban League

Cincinnati Welfare Worker Succeeds Lewis in Baltimore

J. Harvey Kerns, 45, director of the division of welfare for colored people for the Cincinnati, O. Community Chest, has been selected to succeed Edward S. Lewis as executive secretary of the Baltimore Urban League, it was announced today (Thursday) by the league board.

Dr. Bruce McDonald, white, president of the board, said that the date of Mr. Kerns's arrival and details of salary and other items would be made public later.

Lewis Leaving for N.Y.C.

Mr. Lewis, who resigned the post after serving for twelve years, leaves this week end to take up duties as executive secretary of the New York Urban League.

The new Baltimore executive is a former Urban League man and has had wide experience in social service work. It is understood that he was the unanimous choice of the board because of his long record of outstanding service.

Some indication that Mr. Kerns would be the new league head was given in an AFRO story last week when it was pointed out that the Cincinnati man visited here and conferred with members of the board.

Once Field Secretary

Mr. Kerns formerly served as field secretary for the National Urban League office (1936 to 37). He was executive secretary of the Milwaukee, Wisc., branch, 1923-27 and the Omaha, Neb. branch, 1927-35.

Last summer he made a study of conditions among colored people in the San Francisco Bay area and his findings were later published by the Oakland Community Chest.

The new Baltimore executive is a native of Asheville, N.C., was

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Edgewood Private Shot to Death on Way to Hospital

Officials Mum, Except to Admit Chi Man Is Dead; Protest March on Guardhouse by 35 Soldiers

BULLETIN!

Dr. William Hastie, civilian aide to the Secretary of War, has promised to investigate the death of Private Charles A. White at Edgewood Arsenal.

Private Charles A. White, 29, of Chicago, was shot and killed on the porch of an Edgewood Arsenal guardhouse by a white guard Tuesday, according to reports received by the AFRO.

The shooting occurred Tuesday afternoon, the reports said, while White was being taken to the post's hospital for medical treatment by the guard.

He was shot through the hip, it was added, and died about 8:45 p.m. in the Arsenal hospital. The name of his slayer was not disclosed by the reports.

Officials queried about the killing refused to give any statement for publication. Major Sanford Kommel, chief public relations officer at the post, said that the body of the soldier was still there and that he did not know whether or not the family had been notified.

The office of Col. J. B. Wharton of the Third Service Command said probably something would be made public after the family had been notified. Major Vincent C. Nesson, intelligence officer at the post, said today (Thursday) some details would be given out later.

One report was that White was shot by the guard from whom he tried to wrest a riot gun. Others, describing themselves as eyewitnesses to the incident, declared that White was several feet away from the guard when the shot was fired.

3 Men Witness Shooting

A colored officer, whose identity has not been established, and two white officers were said to have witnessed the shooting.

Reports were persistent that White and the guard had quarrelled earlier in the day. He had been imprisoned for several weeks.

For more than two hours after White died, it was said that tension was high in the area of the shooting and a group of some thirty-five enraged soldiers marched to the guardhouse in protest.

On Wednesday morning, it was said, Lieut. Tuttle, believed to be an officer in charge of the guardhouse, addressed the soldiers and presented what was described as the official version of the incident.

At that time, reports continued, it was revealed to Lieut. Tuttle that colored soldiers had been subjected to abusive treatment by prison guards while confined to the guardhouse.

It was further revealed at the meeting that there are no colored guards on the post now, all having been relieved of such duties some time ago. Many of the guards and military policemen, it was added, attached to Edgewood Arsenal are Southerners.

He was the son of Mrs. Rosie White of 1132 S. Lake Street, Blythesville, Ark., and was inducted into the army about six months ago.

The Week

War Hits Jim Crow
Co-eds in Slacks
Note on Agitation
Save for Taxes

By OBIE McCOLLUM

The Richmond League of Women Voters, a white organization, has gone on record as opposing the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution, and wants their Congressmen to do something about it.

Seems like the ladies don't think much of democracy.

Despite the growing demand for racial equality in even the hamlets and backwoods, there remains a large group of colored people far behind many white people on this question.

Of course that's not surprising. When John Brown, the Liberator, set out to free the slaves by force and revolution, the first man he

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Pearl Buck Talks with AFRO 3 Hours

By MICHAEL CARTER

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Pearl Buck says that although all people should join the struggle to win the war, she cannot blame a colored man for refusing to serve in our army. "I am simply against jim crow anywhere, and the sooner we get rid of it the better off we shall be."

Miss Buck made this bold statement in an exclusive AFRO interview. She welcomed me into her private room at the offices of her publishers, John Day Company, New York, and said that she was more than glad to talk to colored people, for colored people, and about colored people.

"I have every sympathy for any colored man who refuses to serve under jim-crow conditions," she declared. "I think those who refuse are making a mistake, but I can understand their reasons.

Equality No Gift

"This is a peoples' war, and the people must use it to destroy fascism here and abroad. At present the war is in a malleable state. I believe that we can sooner arrive at our ultimate ends through service, rather than refusal.

"You must plunge into it so it will keep its democratic shape. Nobody is going to give you equality. You have to fight for it."

She feels that unless we in America solve the major race problems of the world we shall have lost our war aims.

Learn More about People

"Race prejudice flourishes when peoples don't know each other. We know something about

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'Thank God,' Mrs. Mulzac

CAPTAIN HUGH MULZAC arrived at an Eastern Coast port Saturday. His 10,500-ton ship,

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Clayton Powell Has Answer for Brown

(In answer to January Reader's Digest article, "A Negro Warns the Negro Press.")

By A. CLAYTON POWELL, JR.

Warner Brown, Ph.D., who says he is the director of race relations of the Council for Democracy, has contributed an article to the Saturday Review of Literature and the Reader's Digest entitled,

"A Negro Warns the Negro Press."

In his article he not only wraps a bandana around his head but he ties down the corners lest the wind blow it off. Every statement of Brown's is a fine "Uncle Tomism."

Who Is Brown?

Brown's article does not fool the people for as all have said to me since it came out: "Who is Brown anyway?"

The article was written to fool the white folks. It is evident that he fooled them well because he got a nice job working for them.

All the claptrap which is used by paid stooges is making us madder. The drive to embitter us which Brown said began, "during

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Sailors Riot in California

VALLEJO, Calif.—Two colored sailors were shot by marine MP's who opened fire with Thompson machine guns Sunday night as they sought to quell the second stage of rioting among colored sailors and white sailors and soldiers which had begun the night before.

Several hundred colored sailors

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Governor Will Probe Minute Man's Ouster

Governor Herbert R. O'Conor this week promised to investigate the dismissal of Josephus Simpson, AFRO night editor, from the Maryland Minute Men.

Mr. Simpson was arrested on the drill floor at the Richmond Market Armory recently and relieved of his arm band and identification card because of an article he wrote on conditions within the organization. This story appeared in the November 21 issue of this newspaper.

Quotes O'Conor Letter

Governor O'Conor, in response to a letter from Carl Murphy, president of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, said: "While it might be preferable to make criticisms and suggestions to the commanding officer rather than in the press, I do not know that this is sufficient grounds for dismissal from the reserve militia."

Continuing, the chief executive said:

"It was never the original purpose to carry the training of the minute men to the same degree as that given the State guard.

"The urgent suggestion of the War Department was that the organization be maintained as one for emergency uses and that there would not be required the same intensive drilling and training as is necessary in the regular organizations.

War Dept. Provided Arms

"Furthermore, it was under-

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Policewoman, Detective Cited

Policewoman Violet H. Whyte, attached to Northwestern District, and detective James H. Butler were among the approximately 300 policemen cited here Wednesday for meritorious service in the city's police department.

Both Policewoman Whyte and Detective Butler won similar citations last year. Policewoman Whyte was the occasion last year, was the only female mem-

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Beauticians Vote Not to Buy '43 Licenses

Carrying out a threat made two years ago in their campaign for representation on the State board of beauticians, members of the Master Beauticians' Association agreed unanimously Tuesday night not to buy licenses of any kind for 1943.

This action, decided upon at a mass meeting at Trinity Baptist Church, will deprive the State board of approximately $8,000, which it collected annually in $2 licenses bought by 2,000 colored operators and in $10 licenses bought by 400 shop owners throughout the State.

To Fight Case Instead

Instead, the beauticians decided to put the money into the association treasury to fight the case of Mrs. Henrietta Scott, of 1140 Druid Hill Avenue, who was summoned to court last week for failing to buy a shop owners' license, even though she admits doing business since October.

Having prayed a jury trial through her attorney, W. A. C. Hughes, Jr., Mrs. Scott was released on her own recognizance. The beauticians plan to use Mrs. Scott's case as a test case to prove their contention that the State law is unconstitutional.

In refusing to buy further licenses, the beauticians were advised that should any attempt be made to summon any one of them to court, an injuction would be taken out against the State board, preventing it from taking further action while the case is pending in court.

Boycott Called Justifiable

In justification of the license boycott, the beauticians point out that for the past seven years, only one colored inspector, Mrs. Adelaide Green, has been employed by the State board, with the job of inspecting approximately 350 shops in Baltimore. No colored representatives are on the board

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No Reds in CIO Union—Board

The general executive board of the CIO's Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America announced Wednesday that it had found no evidence to support the accusations of communism recently leveled against officers and members of Local 43.

The accusations were made by white members of the union who were ousted several weeks ago by Local 43 for inciting discrimina-

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